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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to launch an immunization programme for prevention of Hepatitis which spreads like AIDS and has been recognized as a global health problem with significant mortality and morbidity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of Indians carrying Hepatitis virus?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A proposal for inclusion of Hepatitis B vaccine on Pilot basis in selected cities and districts with financial assistance from external agencies is presently under consideration of the Govt.

Various studies show a prevalence rate of 2 to 8.5% in the country.